

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

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Claims 4 to 10 were objected to, but were indicated as being allowable if they were written into independent form.

Claim 1 has been amended and claims 11 to 17 added. Claims 11 to 17 correspond to original claims 4 to 10.

Reconsideration of the application is respectfully requested.

35 U.S.C. 102 Rejections

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Claim 1 has been amended to recite that a method for slip control of a clutch situated between an engine and a transmission of a motor vehicle, the method comprising:

generating a position setpoint signal as a function of a differential speed between a clutch input speed and a clutch output speed;

regulating the clutch using the position setpoint signal; and

using an engine torque as a control variable for the clutch instead of or in addition to the position setpoint signal.

Support is found at [0017] for example.

Watanabe, Roder, Wakiya and Segawa do not show the generating and regulating steps, as well as “using an engine torque as a control variable for the clutch instead of or in addition to the position setpoint signal”, as claimed.

Withdrawal of the rejection to claims 1 to 3 is respectfully requested.

Claim Objections


Claims 4 to 10 were objected to, but were indicated as being allowable if they were written into independent form. Claims 4 to 10 as originally filed have now been rewritten as claims 11 to 17.

Withdrawal of the objection to claims 4 to 10 is respectfully requested.

CONCLUSION

The present application is respectfully submitted as being in condition for allowance and applicants respectfully request such action.

Respectfully submitted,
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